

WATTS MILLS

Watts Mill, March 9.—Rev. G. C. Hodgopeth and W. C. Gollkely attended services at the First Baptist church in Laurens on Sunday night and heard a wonderful sermon preached by Rev. Millard Jenkins.

Mr. E. W. Brown, of Darlington, was called last week, to the bedside of his sick mother, Mrs. H. B. Brown, of this place.

Mr. Guy E. Moore of Cold Point, visited the home of Mr. H. B. Brown on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown, of this place, visited relatives in Greenville last week.

Mrs. Monnie Dagnill and Mr. Charlie Grubbs, of Greenville, have been visiting at this place during the past week.

Mr. George S. West, of Greenville, visited relatives here on Sunday.

Little Cathleen Sanders is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson visited at the home of Mr. J. E. Murry on Sunday.

Mrs. Maud Bobo and little daughter, Milnee, has gone to Anderson to spend a while.

WARRIOR CREEK.

Warrior Creek, March 9.—Miss Irene Clayton, our efficient school teacher, returned to her home at Fletcher, N. C. Sunday, school having closed Friday. Miss Clayton has endeared herself to all the people of this community consequently we regret to give her up.

Misses Lois Irwin, Mattie Ballenger and Irene Clayton and Mr. Zealous Knight dined with Miss Lillian Brownlee on last Sunday.

Mr. Bascom Brownlee was a recent visitor to Greenville.

Mrs. Calvin Knight was the guest of Mrs. Mary Brownlee Tuesday.

Mrs. S. C. Brownlee spent Tuesday with her mother near Barksdale.

Messrs. Rufus and Wofford Stevens and Mace Langston of Gray Court, came down and went bird hunting with Messrs S. C. and K. B. Brownlee one day last week.

Mrs. T. A. Drummond and Miss Caroline Fowler of Lanford spent Sunday with their mother Mrs. M. Willie Fowler.

Miss Erilla Brownlee is on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. C. A. Colly of Spartanburg.

Mrs. Mary Brownlee and children spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Mack Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jurns entertained a few friends in honor of Miss Clayton Thursday night.

Mr. K. B. Brownlee is doing some plowing and much needed work on the roads in this community.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Margaret Blakely of Ora, last week.

Mr. Oscar Brown, and K. Bascom Brownlee were in Laurens Friday on business.

Laurens Lodge No. 43, K. of P.

There will be a regular convention of Laurens Lodge No. 34, Knights of Pythias, on Monday night March 16. There will be several candidates for the second degree. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

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GREENWOOD ROGERS

GUILTY OF MURDER

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him sitting by the fire and that Greenwood Rogers shot him from the rear. Mr. Young fell over, but made an attempt to crawl toward his bed, presumably to reach his rifle, when Greenwood Rogers sprang through the door and picking up an ax from the corner, struck him in the head. Greenwood then turned the prostrate body over and taking the money out of the dead man's pocket divided it into three parts, telling Tom Young that he was not entitled to as much of it as Junk Caldwell as he had not done as much as Junk. They also took a sack of meat and carried it up through the pines and left it in a gully. Later on in the night, however, becoming afraid that this would betray them, they returned with a mule and carried this meat to the house of Greenwood Rogers. Several hours later, becoming uneasy about discovery, they returned to the spot and set the house on fire. No further evidence was introduced to show what became of the meat, but Deputy Peit went on the stand and told of going to this spot later on with Tom Young, who had already confessed, and finding the mule tracks. Continuing his testimony, Tom Young said that Greenwood came to him on the morning of the inquest and told him if he had any of that money on him he "better get it off of you" as "they are after us." Tom Young said that with that he crossed the little branch nearby and put the money into a cow trough underneath some shucks. To corroborate this statement, Messrs. Tom Riser and J. C. McMillan were placed on the stand later and testified to seeing these two negroes in conversation and seeing Tom cross the branch going toward the cow stall. An old negro man, Henry Young, was placed on the stand and he testified to finding the money there. It was only a couple of dollars and some old coins.

Evidence was also introduced to show that Greenwood Rogers and Mr. Young had had sharp words some time before. Ella Skinner was put on the stand to testify to hearing the three men plotting together to kill Mr. Young. She said she was at the frolic on the Saturday night the plan was laid and that she overheard the three negroes talking. She heard parts of the conversation but did not realize its meaning until after the crime was committed. She said she overheard Greenwood say "I want you boys to be with me," and Tom replied "That will be too bad." Greenwood was heard to say "I will be with you until the last button drops off his coat." Greenwood seemed to be the ring leader. In all, the state put about a dozen witnesses on the stand.

The defense put up the plea of an alibi. Several negroes testified to seeing Greenwood Rogers at his home between sundown and about ten o'clock. His mother and sister then testified to his going to bed at about ten o'clock and being awakened in the morning. The former testified to going to bed herself about 12 o'clock and that Greenwood was in bed at that time, both sleeping in the same room. She testified to being very restless at night, saying that she would have heard anyone getting up and going out.

Arguments on the case began shortly after noon and were concluded about four o'clock, when the judge charged the jury and turned the case over to them. The jury remained out until nine o'clock last night, returning a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy.

The cases against Tom Young and Junk Caldwell will be tried later in the week.

Monday afternoon Thos. P. Neill, a young white farmer of Cross Hill township, was tried and acquitted of killing Robert Smith, colored, last fall. The negro man was killed late at night after returning to the home of Mr. Neill with a mule which he had taken on the latter's barn without his consent. When Mr. Neill began to upbraid him about taking the mule the negro moved to attack him when Mr. Neill shot him, killing him instantly. The jury was out but a very short time.

Charley Darby, charged with the murder of his son-in-law, was acquitted Monday in very short order. The parties were negroes and lived in Jacks township. Several other minor cases were tried Monday afternoon, including the case of the state against Jesse Williams, colored, charged with aiding prisoners to escape. Williams was a trusty around the county jail and secretly passed a saw through the bars to several prisoners. Six escaped. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to two years on the county chain gang.

The term of court lasts one week.

Good for All.

"Safety first" would be as good a motto for automobile drivers as for railroad employees.—Fort Wayne Record.

RABUN NEWS.

Rabun, March 9.—We had some rough weather last week, and several times Saturday, while the sun was shining, it snowed some.

There's a good deal of sickness in this community.

Mrs. Anna West, of Poplar Spring section, spent Monday with Mrs. Lizzie Cheek.

Miss Cora Medlock and brother, Mr. Eston Medlock, were visiting near Ware Shoals last week.

Miss Luc Babb, of Eden section, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mahon.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens, after spending several weeks in Fountain Inn and Green Pond section, returned home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baldwin and little Maude spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jane Bolt, of Hickory Tavern section.

Mrs. Houston Babb, and little Mary Miss Mae Babb, and Mrs. Rebecca Owens were visitors of Mrs. C. A. Babb of Eden section, Wednesday.

Mr. Handy Babb, of Princeton, spent Wednesday night with Mr. Ruster Babb.

Mr. Theron Saxon, after recovering from sickness, returned to his work at Ware Shoals Saturday.

Mr. Solomon Mahaffey, of Eden section, spent Sunday with Mr. T. F. Babb.

Mr. Laurens Mahon, after spending several days with his sister, Mrs. Archie Bean of Easley, returned to his home Thursday.

Mr. T. H. Babb and family were visiting relatives in Eden section several days last week.

Mrs. Brooks Nash and son, John Robert, were visiting Mr. John Armstrong and family of Laurens from Friday until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mahon and daughter, Lois, accompanied by Miss Lizzie Coleman, were visitors of Mr. Willie Coleman and family of Woodruff, Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the farmers have been selling cotton for thirteen cents.

Miss Chaisy Cannon of Eden section, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cannon.

Mr. Coke Traynham and sister, Miss

Lucile of Friendship section, spent Sunday with Misses Vera and Allene Baldwin.

Miss Roynle Roper and Miss Lillian Woods of Honea Path, spent from Friday until Sunday with Miss Mae Roper and other relatives.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens spent Saturday night with Mrs. John Hellams of Shiloh community.

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